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Propositions belonging to the thesis:

The Perspectives method; towards socially robust river management

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1. The Perspectives Method acknowledges the *non-stereotypical* and *dynamic* nature of perspectives and offers a method to *operationalize* and *measure* perspectives on water. (this thesis)
2. The Perspectives Method provides more knowledge on *future perspective changes* and *socially robust* water management strategies. (this thesis)
3. Identification of disagreement may be a first step towards a dialogue, possibly leading to more synergistic and robust solutions. (this thesis)
4. The role of social science is not to predict future developments, but to explore the effects of perspective changes on support for water management strategies. (this thesis)
5. Stability without change is like trying to balance oneself on a bicycle without turning the pedals. (Michael Thompson et al.)
6. Perception is organized via anticipatory schemata whereby the individual anticipates new incoming information while simultaneously mentally digesting old. (Anthony Giddens)
7. Pause to recall a scene from a favorite past experience, then read the rest of this note. Did you see yourself in the scene? If so, your memory must be a reconstruction, for in reality you did not see yourself.
8. (Sustainability) science can not predict future climate with certainty, it can however explore effects of actions in different climate scenarios. Therefore it is hard to see people only debating in order to find the truth instead of taking action.
9. If you want to make peace with your enemy, you have to work with your enemy. Then he becomes your partner. (Nelson Mandela)
10. My thesis is like water; those of the great geniuses are wine. (Fortunately) everybody drinks water. (adapted from Mark Twain)